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## CALL FOR FILM ENTRIES: 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FLICKERS: RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival** (RIIFF) is now accepting entries for its **18th Annual Film Festival** to be held **August 5-10th, 2014** at venues throughout the state of Rhode Island. The highly prestigious, world-class event is consistently ranked as one of the top Film Festivals in the United States. Academy Award-qualifying, RIIFF presents an exciting program of over 200 films, seminars and post-film parties and gatherings, and is attended by more than 300 filmmakers and film professionals from around the world.

New England's largest film festival, RIIFF has been repeatedly cited by Moviemaker Magazine as one of the "Top 25 Film Festivals Worth the Entry Fee," and has earned the respect of domestic and foreign industry, filmmakers, filmgoers and trend-watchers. True to its reputation, RIIFF's program is largely built from submissions, and not from the programs of other festivals. New and seasoned filmmakers alike present their work to audiences passionate about indie film at RIIFF annually. The Festival also honors exceptional screenplays and teleplays in its Screenplay Competition.

Six films that premiered at RIIFF have won Academy Awards, and another 23 have been nominated, while many have garnered distribution from companies like HBO, Cinemax, Sundance, Showtime and IFC. ALUM Vikram Dasgupta emphatically states, "Every thing that we had gone through, for making 'Calcutta Taxi' seemed worthwhile a hundred times over at the screening last night. I don't know the future of our little short film. But I do know that we couldn't have asked for a better venue for a World Premier. I tightly held Rima's hand sitting in an audience of over 700 people and witnessed what it feels like when an audience 'laughs' at every joke, 'sighs' at every emotional turn and 'reacts' to the film organically that only an intelligent crowd can. Being a new filmmaker, I've never witnessed anything like this before but I realized that this idea of telling stories to a crowd must be the reason why we wanted to make films in the first place. I have only you to thank for this amazing experience for letting us share our little film on a platform only you and your wonderful team could have provided us with. Something we will cherish and revisit in our minds for many more years to come."

And to quote Chris Gore, RIIFF is "one of the best international film festivals and top 10 short film festivals in the United States. RIIFF provides the kind of intimate festival experience that will change your life. Don't miss it."

**Types of Submission** — Feature Narrative (40 min or longer), Documentary, Shorts (under 40 min), Animation, Experimental, Music Videos, Public Service Announcements (PSA) and Rhode Island-made: **Early Deadline:** January 15, 2014; **Regular Deadline:** May 15, 2014; **Extended Deadline:** June 1, 2014.



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#### **THE FLICKERS' BACKSTORY & MISSION:**

The mission of the **Flickers, the Newport Film Society & Arts Collaborative** - now in its **32<sup>nd</sup> year** - has been to serve as a creative partner in the arts by uniting various media and arts disciplines that nurture the artistic process and support a vital part of our community. This includes multi-disciplinary art presentations; artistic and cultural activities; performance festivals; video and television productions; audio recordings and broadcasts; educational outreach programs; and the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)**.

#### **ABOUT THE RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:**

The **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)**, has secured its place in the global community as the portal for the best in international independent cinema, earning the respect of domestic and foreign filmmakers, filmgoers and trend watchers. This confluence of art and commerce brought together world-class celebrities, award-winning filmmakers, new talent and audience members in record numbers last year. Ranked as one of the top 10 Festivals in the United States, RIIFF is also a qualifying festival for the Short Film Academy Award through its affiliation with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. There are 75 film festivals worldwide which share this distinction and RIIFF is the only festival in New England. The Festival takes place every August. For more information about RIIFF, please visit [www.rifilmfest.org](http://www.rifilmfest.org).

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